

MINUTES

A meeting of the Lower Bear River Water Distribution System was held on Friday, June 10, 1994 at 1:00 pm at the Division of Water Rights Office in Logan, Utah.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Carly Burton	Utah Power & Light Company
Terry Gnehm	Commissioner
Lee Sim	Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Water Rights
Lloyd Hubbard	Lower B. R. Users (Acting Chairman)
Al Trout	Bear River Refuge
William Atkin	Water Rights
Robert M. Fotheringham	Water Rights
Jim Watterson	Amalga to Cutler Pumpers

Minutes of April 21, 1994 were read, corrected and unanimously approved.

Terry Gnehm asked if Utah Power was considering any new Bear Lake storage contracts. Carly Burton indicated that new contracts will not be considered below Cutler. The only users that would be considered were irrigators on the Bear River who were missed during the 1989-90 period or those on the tributaries who have theoretically used storage by exchange in the past. Utah Power is not anxious to enter into any new contracts because Bear Lake storage is seriously depleted.

Carly Burton indicated that the SCS forecast for the Bear River above Bear Lake was for 170,000 acre feet or 59% of average for April through July. The estimated runoff for the same period based on actual flows through June 10 will be closer to 30,000 acre feet or about 15% of average. The projected low level is 5907.5 feet. Carly requested that all users, especially the large companies to comply with the weekly call program to enable the power company to regulate the system in the most efficient manner.

Lloyd Hubbard thought that the peak water demands were occurring the week of June 6 and thought that flows would diminish later in June.

Bob Fotheringham asked about the status of measuring devices at the Bird Refuge. Al Trout indicated that measuring devices were not yet installed. Lee Baxter with USBR indicated to Al that the devices would be installed by July or August. Lloyd Hubbard asked if the refuge was interested in subscribing for water in Honeyville Reservoir. Al Trout indicated that his agency had attended several meetings with Utah Water Resources but nothing has been resolved.

Al Trout indicated that water projections for the refuge are minimal and the amount of

managed refuge acreage would have to be reduced from 43,000 acres to 10,000 acres or less based on current conditions. The refuge will suffer severe impacts as a result. Units 1, 1A, 3 and 5 will be dry and only marginal water supplies will be available in Units 2 and 4. The refuge needs for water are for 607 cfs, 714 cfs and 1088 cfs for June, July and August, respectively.

Al Trout asked if the summer flows available for the refuge could be estimated. Carly Burton said that in dry years there would be only leakage flows of 25 cfs below Cutler from May into September. Carly also indicated that the data loggers will hopefully be functional by mid July and until then flows will be estimated until the chart records are processed every six weeks.

Terry Gnehm said pitot tubes have been installed at about 30 pumps. There are 60 left to do. Some users will use a weir in the discharge ditch to measure flow. The request was made to acquire power records from the power company. Carly Burton said those records would be available in Rick Lungman's Office in Smithfield.

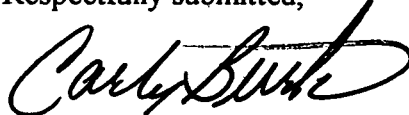
Lee Sim asked if users should be assessed \$20.00 for pitot tube installation this year. The Committee suggested to wait until the pitot tubes are completely installed and assess the \$20 fee in February 1995 when regular assessments are mailed out.

Lloyd Hubbard asked about getting the minutes mailed out before each meeting. Carly said he would try if he could get a list of addresses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am in the Water Rights Office.

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Respectfully submitted,



Carly Burton
Secretary

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